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For : METHOD FOR NETWORK-EFFICIENT DISTRIBUTED  
SEARCH AND DECISION-MAKING USING CO-  
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DISTRIBUTED MULTI-AGENT ARCHITECTURE  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified application, as follows: